

San Antonio, TX, -U.S. Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez (TX-23), a member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, will hold a media availability to discuss the facilities he saw with Veterans Affairs Secretary Dr. James Peake, and bipartisan group of members of Congress Mike Michaud (D-ME), Jeff Miller (R-FL), Phil Hare (D-IL), John Salazar (D-CO), and Rep. Bill Sali (R-ID). The group visited Kuwaiti Emergency Medical Facility, medical aid stations in Baghdad, Balad Theater Support Hospital, and Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany. During the trip, the delegation also met with Gen. David Petraeus and other U.S. officials.

Rodriguez will meet with members of the media in San Antonio, **TOMORROW, FRIDAY, AUGUST, 8, 2008 at 11:00 am CT** and in Clint on **SUNDAY, AUGUST, 10, 2008 at 1:30 pm MT**

. Details on the events follow below. Details of the trip were not previously made available due to security concerns.

"With the medical training being done at Camp Bullis in San Antonio, to our medical facilities on the battlefield and elsewhere abroad, it is imperative that we take care of our troops from the moment they need care for however long they may require it," said Rodriguez. "It was helpful to meet with General Petraeus and other other officials to learn about our progress and also to further understand the process our injured troops must go through from start to finish."

Last week Rodriguez held a telephone townhall meeting with Secretary Peake, Congressman Salazar and over 4,300 of Rodriguez's constituents throughout his district who listened to the three speak about the VA and answer questions.